Statement-II

NEC: Outlay and Expenditure

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Outlay	Revised BE	Expenditure
Ninth Plan	2450.00		
1997-98	324.00	324.00	319.16
1998-99	440.00	370.00	368.55
1999-2000	450.00	425.00	413.53
2000-2001	450.00	410.90	409.48
2001-02	450.00	450.00	414.82
TOTAL	2114.00	1979.90	1925.54
Tenth Plan	3500.00		

Central Plan outlay for Ninth Plan

293. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Plan outlay for the Ninth Plan has fallen short of the target by Rs. 82.786 crore;

(b) if so, what was the actual realisation during the plan period;

(c) to what extent it fell short of the projected outlay;

(d) the reasons thereof;

(e) what are the steps being taken to formulate the Tenth Plan in view of the experience gained during the Ninth Plan; and

(f) what steps are being considered during the Tenth Plan to fully meet the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Against a projected outlay of Rs. 4,89,361 crore (at 1996-97 prices) for the Ninth Plan, the outlay

realized during the plan was Rs. 4,06,687 crore. The actual realization and the shortfall were thus 83.1 per cent and 16.9 per cent respectively of the outlay projected for the Ninth Plan. The main reason for the shortfall in the outlay during the Ninth Plan period was the substantial deterioration in the Balance from Current Revenues caused due to a stagnant level of tax revenues coupled with substantial growth in non-plan revenue expenditure.

(e) and (f) The draft Tenth Plan document has been approved by the National Development Council. It outlines various measures for raising resources required for financing the outlay projected for the Tenth Plan. The steps aimed at increasing the tax revenues include-improving the coverage of service tax, reducing unnecessary exemptions, computerization of income-tax system, rationalization of customs and excise taxes and extension of Value Added Tax (VAT) at the state level and its integration with the Central VAT. The Tenth Plan document also suggests steps for controlling non-plan revenue expenditure and cost recovery through levy of user charges in order to improve the resource position of the Government.

Economic growth rate

294. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the likely growth rate of the economy in 2002-2003 which happens to be the first year of the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) how does it compare with the target growth rate of 8 per cent; and

(c) what effective measures are in place to achieve the target growth rate of 8 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) As per the Advanced Estimates of National Income released by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO), the growth rate of the economy (measured in terms of Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost) is estimated to be 4.4 per cent during the year 2002-03 over the previous year.

(b) The Planning Commission does not fix annual growth targets, however, the average target growth rate for the Tenth Five Year Plan